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FROM JOHN MARTIN, ESQ. ¹

30 Augt 1755

SIR

The Under Sherif of this County Carries Down three Deserters which were taken up here, and as they are of our Brave Blues, I most Earnestly Intreat your Interest in Procuring a Pardon for them, Smith has a Sweetheart & 2 Childen here & Barker a Wife which I Presume were the Loadstones that Attracted them, Permit me now Sir to Congratulate on Your Late Escape & the Immortal Honr. you have Gain'd on the Banks of ohio & in the most Glorious of Causes the Defence of your Country, and to beg the Honour of your Company & army friends if you return this Way. I live within two Small miles of Kingway House. & there you may be Directed to

Your very Obdt. & very Hbl Servt JOHN MARTIN

Since Writing the above two have broke Prison & run off & Smith Carried [obliterated]

¹ The Governor of North Carolina.